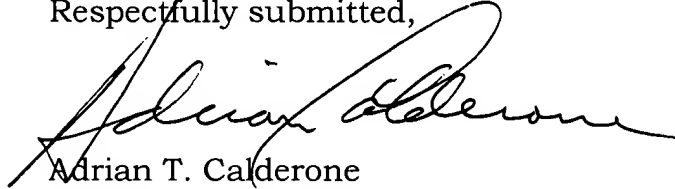


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REMARKS

Claims 3-11 are pending in this application. Claim 1 is amended herein.  
Favorable examination and grant of an allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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